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East Germany

REPORT NO.

COUNTRY

Military Information from Neustrelitz.

TOPIC

EVALUATION See below

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 17 December 1953, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne in Neustrelitz was occupied. On 16 December, seven 120-mm mortars including some in storage sheds were on the training ground of the barracks installation, while about 40 men lined up at these weapons. Motor vehicles observed at the installation

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2. On 17 December, troops were quartered in the Neue Infanterie Kaserne. Three six-wheeled armored gun carriers were in the barracks yard, while tanks were in a garage north of the installation. Eight tanks were also on the training ground north of the installation. [redacted] [redacted] bowing a 57-mm AT gun left the installation toward the city. Fifteen men wearing red-bordered black epaulets performed entrenching on the training ground. The former AAA emplacement 200 meters west of the barracks installation was unoccupied.

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3. On 17 December, the restricted area on the Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse was occupied by troops. From 11 to 17 December, 15 to 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles and submachine guns almost daily left the billets toward the Jagdhaus training ground. Reports of rifles and submachine guns were heard from there.

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4. On 17 December, troops were quartered in the Schlossgarten restricted area, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. During the time of observation, there were no service activities. [redacted]

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5. On 17 December, source noted that the board fence around the ammunition depot east of Reichsstrasse 96 at the former target ranges was extended.

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6. On 3 December, about 15 trucks with long timber [redacted] passed through Neustrelitz toward Alt-Strelitz.

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7. On 4 December, an unidentified number of tanks [redacted] was under the shed-roofs beside the Neue Infanterie Kaserne.

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[redacted] Comment. Previous reports in late November by the first source stated that the abovementioned installations were occupied below capacity. It had been presumed that elements of the 9th Gds Tank Div held record firings in the Speck area at this somewhat unusual time. [redacted] In mid-December, all units of the division had apparently reoccupied their billets. From the detailed information it is concluded that there was no change in the distribution of these units.

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